ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A server transmits parking lot occupancy information over the Internet. Such parking lot occupancy information is capable of being reproduced by a remote display device as a real-time representation of the parking lot indicating vacant parking spaces. The real-time representation may be in the form of a textual listing, a graphical map, a video image, an Internet Web page or similar form. When presented with the real-time representation of the parking lot, a commuter can readily locate an available parking space or decide to search for parking elsewhere.